REMARKS

The claims in this case were restricted into two Groups. Applicant has provisionally elected Group I, Claims 1-19. The Restriction Requirement is traversed.

For restriction to be proper, a burden must be placed on the Office in examining all claims. Applicant respectfully submits that assuming the methods in Groups I and II are materially different, the search for both of these methods would occur in the same classes/subclasses given the fact that the dispersion of colloidal particles in Group I method claims are structurally related to the compounds of Group II method claims. Thus, the same classes/subclasses would be searched because the same structural elements are relevant to compounds of Groups I and II -- no burden would be placed on the Office in searching and/or examining all claims together. Accordingly, the Restriction Requirement is traversed.

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Applicant submits that the present application is ready for examination on the merits.

Notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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